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BURNED FOR A WITCH

A Young Indian Mother Who Gave Birth to Twins.

CASE OF SAVAGE SUPERSTITION.

A Squaw and Twin Babies Mercilessly Slaughtered—She Was Burned to Death and Her Children Were Killed With a Club—A Horrible Story of Cruelty by the Mojave Indians.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—A horrible story of the wild law and superstition of the Mojave Indians is told by J. F. Saunders, who has just arrived from The Needles, a town on the Colorado river, on the Atlantic and Pacific railway. He had heard the details just before he took the train, and they seem to be corroborated by an account given in a local paper, The Eve, which he brought with him. The Mojave Indian reservation is about half a mile from The Needles, and the aborigines are virtually their own masters, having their own laws and superstitions.

From Saunders' account, on Tuesday last, a triple murder was committed under the plea of a tradition by the Indians. One of the prettiest squaws of the tribe, known as Loneta, was married according to the savage rites about a year ago. She was a comely girl, only 18 years old, and had picked up some education. Her husband was one of the braves and appeared to be very fond of her. Sunday last she gave birth to twins, and as a result a grand pow-wow was called, for according to the Mojave tradition the squaw who has twins is a witch and a consort of evil spirits. The penalty has always been death for the babies and the mother. Loneta's husband was so fond of her, however, that he made a strong plea for her and her babies, but it was of no avail.

The medicine men held that the old custom must be observed, and the two little ones were brought forward and brained with a club. Loneta was kept for a more trying ordeal, which she suffered without complaint. Every one of her personal belongings was gathered and put into her "shack," and she was ordered inside. She bade her husband farewell and went in. The entrance was closed, straw and brush were piled about the frail structure and fired, and in two hours nothing but a few embers remained to tell the tragic story.

Officers at The Needles learned the facts too late to interfere, and the poor squaw, with this horrid torture, passed to the happy hunting ground where her ill-starred offspring had preceded her.

DYNAMITE UNDER A CHURCH.

The Question of Nationality Cuts a Strong Figure at a Wedding.

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 27.—National rivalry led to a dynamite outrage and a fight at Derringer Christmas. A couple of one nationality had been married and their friends were celebrating the event. Some of the wedding guests were not of the same nationality as Thomas Baba, the bridegroom, and his bride and ill-feling sprang up. The members of the minority nationality withdrew and gathered a mob of their friends. Under one corner of the house in which the festivities were in progress they placed a large quantity of dynamite.

One of their number weakened at the last moment and informed the guests. The guests came rushing from the house just as the fuse had been lighted. Several tried to tear out the fuses and others carried away part of the dynamite. Before they could accomplish much, however, they were compelled to flee by the progress of the fire on some of the fuses. The house was badly wrecked by the explosion and the whole town was thrown into excitement.

After the smoke cleared away the wedding guests attacked the authors of the outrage, and a hard fight took place. Many shots were fired on each side, and knives, clubs and stones were freely used. The arrival of the constable stopped the fight, and each side carried off its disabled. The women all fled screaming to the mountains back of the town when the fight began. Four of the participants were badly injured. At least a score of others are more or less injured. All concerned are miners.

GIVEN ONE SQUARE MEAL.

Good Work of the Salvation Army Among the Poor of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The Salvation Army here attempted to carry Christmas cheer into San Francisco's darkest homes and gladden the hearts of thousands in the city who have no homes or shelter. In the former dive on Grant avenue, recently transformed into the Salvationist, tables were arranged to seat 450 people. In this place over 3,500 hungry men and women were given a Christmas dinner. Besides this over 1,000 baskets, which, containing tea, coffee, sugar, rice, sago, beans, milk, candies, fruit, soap, mustard, macaroni, butter, roast of mutton, or beef and nuts and candies to the value of about \$250 were sent out to suffering families. For this work the Salvationists had collected a fund of about \$8,000. The night was unusually cold. At the city prison over 300 wanderers were sheltered and dozens were refused lodging after all the cells and corridors were filled.

Double Tragedy.

DAINGERFIELD, Tex., Dec. 27.—Lee Willis shot and killed Miss Minnie Moore and then committed suicide by shooting himself. They were cousins and engaged to marry, but their parents objected. They had a misunderstanding while out riding. On returning he put his arm around her and fired, then shot himself twice. They were prominent and well connected.

COMPELLED TO USE FORCE.

Band of Tramps Broken Up After a Small Sized Battle.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 27.—A band of tramps, armed with revolvers, had been having things all their own way among the citizens of the south side until yesterday afternoon, when six of the band were captured, after an exchange of several volleys, during which one of the citizens was shot through the leg and a tramp shot in the arm. At the point of revolvers the gang held up a man in that locality about noon yesterday in one of the saloons.

They entered these places, called for drinks, laid their revolvers by them and intimidated bystanders. They met the command of the bartenders by leveling their guns on them. They excited great suspicion by exhibiting a well filled money sack, which was variously estimated to contain from \$500 to \$1,000. The money was in silver, gold and paper currency. The leader of the gang escaped, and it is supposed that he carried the money with him.

MERRIAM-YEARGIN MYSTERY.

It Has Been Solved by the Finding of the Young Lady's Dead Body.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 27.—A special to The Morning Herald from Ithaca, N. Y., says: The body of Miss Mary L. Yeargin, a student, who was drowned on Nov. 18, while boating on Cayuga lake with Professor Merriam of Cornell University, was found yesterday at McKinney Point. The body was badly decomposed and the face unrecognizable, but by marks on the clothing it is certain that it is the body of Miss Yeargin.

It is the general impression that old man Bishop, who went to the sheriff's office several days ago to see if the reward would not be increased for the recovery of the body, knows more than he cares to tell as to where it has been for so long a time.

Two Men Shot.

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 27.—News has just reached here of the fatal shooting of two men at Rockville, a small hamlet 25 miles north of here. A young man named Macklin persisted in wearing an officer's star, claiming he had a right to do so. He was arrested by City Marshal Pryor, who placed him in charge of his son, who is a deputy. Macklin wrenched young Pryor's cane from him and started to run, whereupon Pryor shot him in the back, inflicting what is thought to be a mortal wound. Macklin is about 30 years of age. His friend, S. P. Medkiff, interfered and young Pryor shot him also, the ball entering the jaw.

Dangerous Counterfeits.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 26.—Harrison county has been flooded for the past three months with dangerous counterfeit silver dollars, halves and nickels. Yesterday the leader of the gang was brought before Federal Commissioner Pollock, at this place. Witnesses swore that he manufactured the spurious coin out of old silver teapots and watch cases, and his organized gang passed the stuff. He failed to give bond in the sum of \$5,000. The officials expect more arrests to follow. A full outfit of dies and counterfeiters' tools was captured.

Last of the Garza Army.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 27.—Captain Joseph Shely, deputy United States marshal in the lower Rio Grande border, has just arrived here from Starr county with three more prisoners, who are alleged to have been prominently connected with the Garza revolutionary movement. They are said to be the last of the Garza army. The total number arrested is 350, nearly all of this number having been tried and convicted in the federal court here and at Brownsville, and are now serving out jail and penitentiary sentences.

Free Fight Among Italians.

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 27.—In a free fight at Ebervale last night, in which 40 or 50 men took part, four of them were seriously injured. They are: Mike Lambert, probably fatally shot; James Lambert, stiletto wound in the neck, condition critical; Mike Fennell, shot in the head; Tony Lobert, stiletto wound in the neck, will die. The participants were nearly all Italians, and the battle raged for more than an hour. Guns, knives, clubs and weapons of every kind were used. A posse is after the unhurt participants.

Saved From a Wreck.

DENVER, Dec. 27.—As the Union Pacific suburban train was slowing up at the Val Verde crossing the engineer noticed the switch was set wrong and, reversing his engine, brought the train to a stop just as it reached the switch. The switch had been unlocked and opened and a crowbar and a piece of rail three feet long inserted in the frog. All the passengers were laboring men who carried no money, nor was there valuables in the train.

Suicide in a Depot.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 27.—Yesterday forenoon a well dressed stranger walked into the Burlington depot, and after searching his pockets and destroying a number of papers, was seen to go to the water cooler and swallow the contents of a small bottle. He then sat down on one of the benches and a few moments later the watchman found that he was dead. There was nothing left on his person except a sum of money and his identity is a mystery.

To Quell a Riot.

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 27.—Acting under instructions from Governor Mitchell the Tampa rifles, 43 strong, left on the 8 o'clock train last night for Wildwood to aid in quelling the negro riot. The governor ordered a special train from Ocala to that place to convey the rifles of that city to the scene of the riot. The latest news from Wildwood is to the effect that 15 negroes are wounded, four killed and four captured.

SUFFERING SAILORS.

Six Men Rescued From a Wrecked Schooner.

FOUR DAYS ON THE ROCKS.

With Scanty Clothing and Scantier Food, Drenched by the Spray From the Waves Which Were Rapidly Beating the Vessel to Pieces, These Men Endured Their Suffering.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Four days on the rocks, with scanty clothing and scantier food, drenched by the spray from the waves, which were rapidly beating their schooner to pieces a couple of lengths away—such is the story of shipwreck and privation told by the six men who formed the crew of the schooner Milford, which sailed from Mobile to Kingston, Jamaica, on Nov. 16.

The steamship Neptune has just arrived with five of the crew. The men are: Laurits Larsen, John Svenson, Axel Dahl, John Casser and the steward, an American, whose name was unknown to the rest of the survivors. Captain Weid remained behind at Green island to look after what is left of the wreck and cargo.

The Milford was a three-masted schooner of 300 tons. She arrived off Salt Creek on Dec. 3. She was then about eight miles from Green island, the nearest harbor. That night the vessel encountered a heavy squall, which became a gale, and in half an hour the Milford was pounding on the edge of a reef.

The crew lowered the only boat they had, but were forced to return to the schooner, as they could not reach the shore through the heavy surf. As they hoisted the boat to the davits a heavy sea smashed it to splinters and the men were dashed about the deck. Svenson was severely injured on the right shoulder. Shortly afterward the vessel sprang a leak and it soon became evident that she would go to pieces.

With the appearance of daylight the crew had a chance to see what were the best means of saving themselves. Larsen decided to try and swim to the rocks nearby. The water was infested with sharks, but he plunged into the waves and reached the rocks in safety. He made fast the end of a line, and then the work of getting the other men ashore began.

They all made the dangerous passage in safety. They brought some food and water ashore, but only just enough to keep them from dying of starvation.

The crew remained on the rocks until the following Thursday. They were without any kind of shelter. The storm had abated by Thursday afternoon and the natives came out in a canoe and took them to shore.

Demanding Only Eight Hours.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Dec. 27.—About 200 union miners assembled yesterday at the shafthouse of the Burne mine, belonging to the Calumet company, which started up several days ago, working nine hour shifts, and told the men that they would not be allowed to work more than eight hours a day. The shafthouse was locked up and the officers of the company at Colorado Springs notified. No arrests were made. If an attempt is made to reopen the mine on a nine hour basis there will be trouble.

Pittsburg Driving Park Burned.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.—The Pittsburg driving park at Homewood is no more. A few days ago the property was sold under an order of court, and it was the intention of the purchasers to cut it up into building lots. Early yesterday morning flames completed the work by totally destroying the clubhouse and the grand stands. The loss will be about \$15,000. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin.

All in the Race.

MASON CITY, Ia., Dec. 27.—Hon. L. S. Coffin of Fort Dodge is announced candidate for the United States senate to succeed James F. Wilson. The following are now actively in the race: John H. Gear, A. B. Cummins, W. P. Hepburn, John Y. Stone, George D. Perkins, John F. Lacey and L. S. Coffin. It is the most sensational contest in Iowa since the memorial Kirkwood-Harlan fight.

Can Live a Few Days Longer.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—Wilson Howard's short lease on life was yesterday lengthened, Governor Stone granting a stay of the execution of the death sentence till Jan. 19. Howard is under conviction for the murder of a deaf mute peddler, Thomas McMichael, in Laclede county, Mo., and also has a record of a dozen or more killings in the Turner-Howard feud in Kentucky.

Shot by His Brother.

ELIZABETH, Colo., Dec. 27.—Henry Sadewasser was shot through the lungs yesterday by his brother Ferdinand and died instantly. The brothers owned a ranch near Kiowa, quarreled, and in the fight which resulted Ferd says a shotgun which Henry held accidentally went off. Ferd was arrested.

Death of a Kentucky Millionaire.

BARDSTOWN, Ky., Dec. 27.—C. S. Barber, Sr., one of Kentucky's millionaires, died here last night, aged 76. Mr. Barber was one of the richest men in this part of the state, his fortune being estimated between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. His wife, who is 75 years of age, and two children, survive him.

Poor Pay for Outlaws.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Dec. 27.—The outlaws who held up the Missouri Pacific train south of here Sunday night secured no money from the express company. The only thing the express messenger had in the safe was a package of plated jewelry valued at \$2.

WANTS HER LIBERTY.

Mrs. Schmidt Finds Her Imprisonment Very Irksome.

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Augusta Schmidt, who is under indictment for murder in the first degree for the killing of Oscar Walton, her tenant, last October, and who has since lain in jail here, is making a desperate effort to be admitted to bail. To that end she has, through ten prominent attorneys, begun habeas corpus proceedings, and the trial is now in progress before Judge Kirkpatrick. The same evidence that will follow in the regular trial was introduced in this proceeding and was of a startling and sensational nature.

Oct. 20 last Mrs. Schmidt, who is a German lady 45 years old, and who recently came into possession of an estate valued at \$60,000, quarreled with her tenant, Oscar Walton, and shot him dead. Walton was a prominent young man, son of Samuel Walton, the founder of the town of Walton, a few miles north of this city. It developed in the trial here that Walton, soon after taking charge of her farm last spring, tried to induce Mrs. Schmidt to procure a divorce from her husband and marry him, and that he had also made indecent proposals to her. Shortly thereafter Mrs. Schmidt bought a revolver and threatened to shoot him. They had frequent quarrels, in which numerous threats were exchanged, and finally resulted in a tragedy.

The witnesses to the shooting were the aged and infirm parents of young Walton, and Mrs. Schmidt's son, 10 years of age. The Waltons occupied one part of the farmhouse, the Schmidts the other. The shooting was in the doorway leading from one's apartment to the other's. Walton's body falling across the threshold.

The old mother of the victim testified that Mrs. Schmidt, after a quarrel over geese getting into a cornfield, had a fight with her son, and that she then went to her bureau, procured a revolver, returned, burst in the partition door the young man was trying to barricade, and deliberately murdered him.

Mrs. Schmidt, who pleads self-defense, says she was herself trying to barricade the door, and that Walton forced it open and made a murderous assault on her, and she was compelled to shoot him in self-defense. Her boy corroborated her story.

The prominence of the parties makes the case of intense interest. The murderess is an adopted daughter of a German baroness, by whose death, four years ago, Mrs. Schmidt came in possession of a large fortune, after long litigation. The remainder of her inheritance will now go for attorney fees and court expenses. The trial will continue until the last of the week.

GAMBLING HOUSE RAIDED.

Two Men Seize Over \$2,000 in a Desperate Way.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Two men entered the gambling house at 20 Quincy street yesterday morning, secured \$2,200 in cash and with revolvers still leveled at a badly frightened group of three faro dealers, backed out of the door and made their escape. Dan Creston, the doorkeeper, opened the heavy door to admit two ordinary appearing men. When he admitted them they had their hands in their overcoat pockets.

When they crossed the threshold of the door each had a murderous looking gun leveled at Creston's head. No players were in the room, but the doorkeeper and two dealers were compelled to stand in line and covered by two revolvers, while a third man, who had followed them in, gathered up all the money in sight, \$2,200, and then all made their escape. There is no clue to their identity.

THE COLUMBIAN STAMP.

Their Sale Drawing to a Close—Pilfering of Letters Abroad.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The postal authorities of more than one foreign country will hail with satisfaction the close of the present year and the withdrawal from sale of the oblong Columbian postage stamps. More American letters have gone astray during the past few months in England and France than ever before, and this is attributable to the fact that a veritable craze for possessing one of the monstrosities exists in both countries, so much so that many banks and large business houses have asked their American correspondents to use nothing but the old style of stamps.

Minister Hanged in Emigry.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Residents of the aristocratic suburb of Morgan Park are greatly excited over the burning in effigy, in front of suburban postoffice, of Rev. O. E. Murray, pastor of a South End Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Murray had made a vigorous attack recently on alleged gambling in the swell Morgan Park club and the demonstration against him is supposed to have resulted from this attack. Members of the club, however, denounce the action and disclaim all connection with the affair.

Advice to France.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—A pamphlet written by Colonel de Polignac, is published and proposes to show that France should ally herself with the Mussulmans in Africa. The colonel declares that France would thus compel them to live in peace with the Spaniards, and that this alliance would make France mistress of the western Mediterranean, and would enable Spain to place sufficient artillery at Algiers to render Gibraltar untenable.

Got Only Twelve Dollars.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Detective Hume, who is in the employ of Wells, Fargo & Company and is on the trail of the Roscoe train robbers, says that only \$12 was secured. There was a large amount of money in the safe, but the men in their haste to get away failed to get it. He is confident he will effect the capture of the robbers.

A CRIMINAL ASYLUM

Such Is the Indian Territory at Present.

RADICAL CHANGE ASKED FOR.

Governor Fishback of Arkansas Writes a Letter to President Cleveland on the Subject and Appeals to the Federal Government For Protection—An Extract of the Letter.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—A special to the Republic from Little Rock, Ark., says: Governor Fishback has written a letter to President Cleveland, complaining of the fact that the Indian Territory is an asylum for dangerous criminals of all kinds. The letter is in part as follows:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

To the President:

The developments incident to the recent train robbery and murder at Olyphant, in this state, renders it proper, it seems to me, to call your attention to the dangerous relation which the Indian Territory west of us occupies to the states of the Union, and especially to the adjacent states of Arkansas, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma Territory.

Upon the person of one of the captured robbers was found a map of the route they had taken from the Indian Territory, 175 miles, to the scene of the robbery, and also a map of the country around Chattanooga, Tenn., showing that another robbery was contemplated at or near that city.

I have good reason to suspect that a very large percentage of the bank and train robberies which take place west of the Alleghenies and east of the Rocky Mountains are organized or originate in this Indian Territory. Let me add that the refuge which this sparsely settled rendezvous of outlaws affords to criminals is a constant temptation to crime in all the country around.

During the past 12 months there have issued from the states of Arkansas, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma Territory 31 requisitions upon the Indian Territory authorities for fugitives, while we have reason to believe that as many more are hiding among their comrades in crime in this asylum of criminals. Criminals who find a refuge in this territory are rapidly converting the Indian Territory into a school of crime. The federal jail at Fort Smith is at all seasons nearly full of prisoners from this territory and the federal court holds sessions continuing through nearly every month in the year.

This state of semi-chaos and the forces of government which exist in this territory suggests the very serious question whether the time has not arrived for the federal government to assert its right of eminent domain over this part of the national domain, and to change its political relations with the United States. Not only the public good but public safety as well as the highest interest of the Indian himself demands the suggested change. Respectfully,
W. M. FISHBACK,
Governor of Arkansas.

VILLAGE WIPED OUT.

The Town of Taylorsville Entirely Destroyed by Fire.

SARDINIA, O., Dec. 27.—Fire broke out in Alf Roberts' flouring mill, at Taylorsville, and before it was extinguished burned everything in town, with the exception of a schoolhouse and one dwelling. There were 13 houses destroyed, besides barns, shops and stores.

John Q. Phillips, general merchant, loses \$1,000, another store \$1,200 and Gordon's hotel \$2,000. The total loss may reach \$30,000. There was but little insurance.

There was a shooting match near the mill and it is probable that some one threw a cigar stub down in the mill and the fire started from this. The high wind made it impossible for the citizens to effectually fight the blaze.

The country people in the surrounding territory are caring for the homeless villagers until they can rebuild. The town will be rebuilt near the station.

Defense in the Wagner Trial.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Henry Spann delivered the closing argument for the defense in the Wagner murder trial. In his analysis of the testimony, he made a strong and clear expose of the weakness of the state's case, and showed that it had been built on supposition and gossip and that the expert testimony introduced by the prosecution was intangible and not supported by scientific formulas. In the event of her acquittal, Miss Wagner has announced the intention of returning to her mother's home in East Prussia.

Crank in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A man giving his name as Timothy Kane, aged 35 years, of 1775 Third avenue, called at the East One Hundred and Fourth street police station. He announced that he was going to kill the Rev. Dr. Charles Parkhurst and he wished two policemen to accompany him and arrest him after the deed. After a hard struggle Kane was overpowered and locked up. An examination as to his sanity will be made.

Rare Surgical Operation.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 27.—Flora, the 3-year-old daughter of Martin McCoy of Washington, C. H., who is here at the hospital, is starving to death. She can not swallow, owing to having drunk lye. The physicians will endeavor to save her life by putting a silver tube in the oesophagus.

Concussion of the Brain.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 27.—William Granger, a 9-year-old lad, had his head playfully butted against the brick wall of a church, Sunday, by a number of classmates at Sunday school. The concussion burst a blood vessel, and the boy has lain unconscious ever since.